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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters, Far East Command
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

FROM: Chief, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
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Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Visit of the Chief, Foreign Broadcast Information
Service to the Far East Command

1. In accordance with verbal request of Colonel R. S. Bratten submitted herein brief report of my visit to the Far East Command during the period February 1-12, 1948.

2. My mission was:

- a. To inspect the FBIS operation in Japan.
- b. To visit the Island of Okinawa, and Sasebo on Kyushu, both of which are under consideration for the possible establishment of a Far Eastern Foreign Broadcast Information Service monitoring post.
- c. To visit Seoul, Korea, in order to discuss with occupation authorities at that location the service being rendered by FBIS.

3. Itinerary:

- a. I visited Okinawa on 3 and 4 February 1948 where I inspected the site previously tested by an FBIS survey team, and discussed with the Rykum staff the general aspects of establishing a monitoring station at that location. Travel to and from Okinawa was performed by Troop Carrier Air Transport.
- b. I visited Sasebo on 6 and 7 February 1948 where I inspected the site previously tested by an FBIS survey team, and discussed with the Commanding Officer 84th Inf. Regt. and members of his staff

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the general aspects of establishing a monitoring station at that location. Travel from Tokyo to Itazuke Air Base and return was performed by Troop Carrier Air Transport and from Itazuke Air Base to Sasebo and return by Artillery Liaison plane furnished by the 26th Division Artillery.

- c. Due to the limited time available the proposed trip to Korea was cancelled. It is believed that a visit to Korea by the Chief of the FBIS Tokyo Bureau would probably improve the local service, and it is suggested that he make such a visit in the near future.
- d. The remainder of my time was spent in Tokyo observing the local FBIS operations to include the recently implemented arrangement at Komuro which makes possible the reception of some programs which could not formerly be received with the limited and inadequate facilities in downtown Tokyo, and discussing FBIS operations in this area with appropriate staff officers at GHQ.

4. General:

- a. The FBIS Tokyo Bureau is presently sending to Washington via teletype a daily selected file of more than 2,000 words, approximately 20% of which is obtained from Kyodo and Jiji News Services in both Japanese and English, and from Radio Tokyo broadcasts, the latter being almost negligible. The remaining 80% is obtained by monitoring foreign radio transmitters in Russia, Korea, China and Southeast Asia.
- b. Service being provided the Far East Command locally includes the sending to G-2, United States Armed Forces in Korea, a selected daily file of approximately 4,500 words of intercepts of particular interest to that Command, furnishing to G-2 Far East Command two complete copies of the outgoing file of FBIS radio intercepts, and sending from FBIS stations in Portland, Oregon, and Kauai, T. H. via airmail an average of 2,000 words per day of intercepts from China, S. E. Asia, and Russia which are of interest to the Far East Command, but which are not monitored in Tokyo.

5. Pending establishment of a major Far Eastern monitoring station, which at best will take several months, it is our desire to exploit to the fullest possible extent the limited capabilities of the Tokyo Bureau. To this end the Chief of the Tokyo Bureau has been

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instructed to explore exhaustively the possibilities of increasing our interim coverage of the critical Far Eastern areas which cannot be monitored from other FBIS posts.

6. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended to me during my visit by your office, and other members of the Far East Command. Your invaluable assistance enabled me to accomplish the maximum in a minimum of time. I assure you that your cooperation is genuinely appreciated by the FBIS as well as our parent agency.

7. Finally I wish to assure you that the FBIS aim is to furnish the maximum amount of information obtained from foreign radio broadcasts to the maximum number of U. S. Government intelligence agencies in a minimum of time, and that any suggestions you may have at any time as to how we may improve our service will be greatly appreciated.

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